



Next Up!

MIGUEL DULICK

I keep hearing preachers say this is their least favorite gospel, because it makes people so mad! All the workers in a vineyard get a full day's pay—which folks interpret as heaven—even the ones who came at the last hour of the afternoon. “You mean, I work hard my whole life, and some nobody from nowhere just waltzes into heaven ahead of me?” But wait a minute! You think you *deserve* your “pay”? None of us is anywhere or anything, even breathing, without God's grace. It's not a competition; it's our only hope! We should be dancing in the street to celebrate God's generosity. Matthew himself must have chuckled at this parable, since he was also a latecomer, having spent his life grinding his own brothers and sisters into poverty to feed the tax maw of the Roman Empire. Then, Jesus called him! I love the twist in the parable: the owner not only pays the last ones equally, but he pays them *first*!



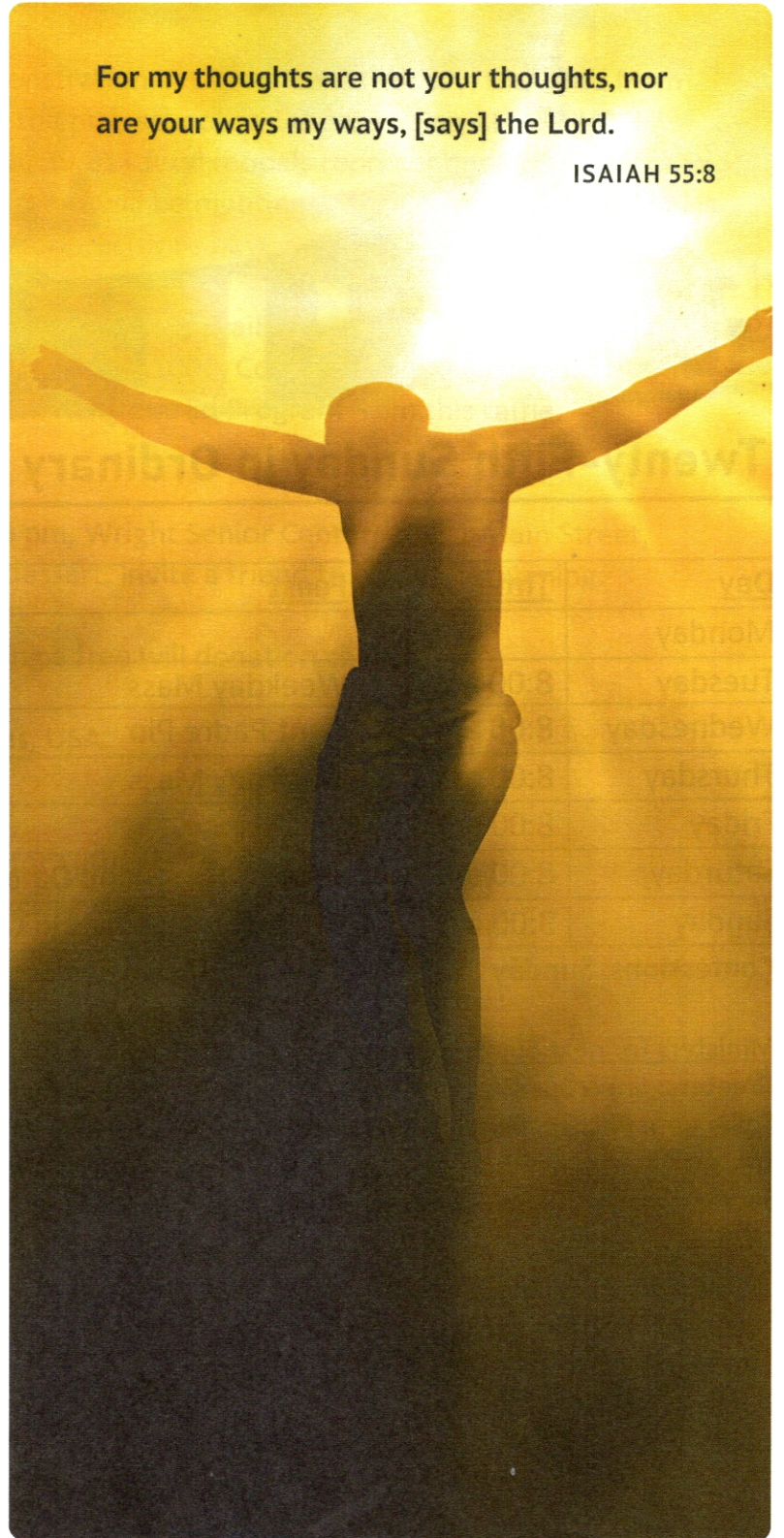
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If you don't like standing in line, you could be like Paul, who wants to just skip to the end: “I long to depart this life and be with Christ” (Philippians 1:23). As he says, “To me life is Christ, and death is gain”

(Philippians 1:21). We should all be so eager. Just concentrate on the “fruitful labor” of service to others. Put everyone else ahead of you, and don't be afraid of some hard work. Any vineyard is a challenge, even when that vineyard is the Church. ●

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor
are your ways my ways, [says] the Lord.

ISAIAH 55:8



Reflect

Do I feel more deserving than others or struggle with envy?

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 20, 2026

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Feast</u>	<u>Intention</u>
Monday			
Tuesday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Diocesan Seminarians
Wednesday	8:00 am	Saint Padre Pio	Alma Tally & John
Thursday	8:00 am	Weekday Mass	Dale Vogel
Friday	8:00 am	No Mass	
Saturday	8:00 am	Saints Cosmas and Damian	Joan Mages
Sunday	9:00 am	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Andrew Parishioners

Confessions: Sunday 8:00 – 8:45 am or by appointment any time

Ministers for next Sunday, September 27, 2026

Greeters: Jim & Sue Groth

Collection: Phillip Sobba & Robert Askew

Cantor: Choir

Servers: Mati Durler & Joe Durler

Lectors: Hattie Stein & Mary Beth Helfrich

E.M.C.'s: Regina Lix, Greg Lix, Sheila McCarty

Gifts: Briana Stephenson

Rosary: Delbert Downey

Giving Report: 9-13-26

Envelopes: \$3,555.00

Loose: \$61.00

Electronic: \$2,114.24

Alms for Renovation Project: \$76,582.69



COFFEE AND ROLLS

Coffee and Rolls following Mass this morning.

PSR is on Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. Finance Council will provide the meal.

Wright K of C Council 1862 will host a Sacred Heart Holy Hour Sunday, Sept. 27 at 5:30. It features an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction bears the blessing of Pope Francis, through the Papal Almoner. Please join us.

Kansans for life is holding a peaceful pro-life demonstration in Liberal next Tuesday, the 22nd from 2:30 to 9:00 PM. It will be in the park across from the high school and the traveling AFTERMATH memorial will be on display. This display consists of 19,811 fetal models representing the lives lost to abortion in 2024 in Kansas. The Supreme Court Justices will be meeting at the high school. The goal is to draw attention to the devastating effects the Court decisions have had for Life.

The Knights of Columbus Council has Religious Ed Raffle tickets available. The cost is \$100/ticket. Top prize is \$30,000 with other prizes ranging from \$10,000 to \$1000. Contact John Askew for more info or to purchase a ticket. \$600 will come to our parish Religious Ed Program from this raffle.

SENIOR CITIZENS COVERED DISH SUPPER

Covered dish supper Thursday, September 24 at 6 pm, Wright Senior Center, 10891 Main Street, Wright. Please bring a meat, salad, vegetable, or dessert. Invite a friend to enjoy the evening.

The Dodge City Pregnancy Support Center is hosting a free will donation chili supper.

Saturday, October 3 from 6:00pm – 8:00 pm

At Minneola Community Church, Minneola, Kansas, USA.

For mor information, call 620-682-3015

Dcps.center@gmail.com

Guest Speaker: Macy Froetschner (College intern for Lutheran for Life)

Tuesdays with the Diocese Fall 2026 Schedule

October 6 – The Second Vatican Council

Why Lay Ministry

Presenter: Fr. Frank Coady

October 20 – Youth

Walking with our Youth

Presenter: Emma Webs

November 3 – Synodality

The Human Library

Presenters: Debbie Snapp & Doug Keller

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Dear Padre,

Adam and Eve had two sons and maybe others not mentioned in the Bible. How were others born without having committed incest?

This is a perfectly valid question, and one that I think many people have probably asked themselves at one time or another. Unfortunately, it is the wrong question, because it does not reflect the true meaning of the story.

The story about Adam and Eve is not a literal story or, in other words, a story that would be reported by CNN or FOX News. It is a teaching story, intended to encourage belief in the creative power of God at work in his creation. It is not, nor has it ever been, a literal step-by-step tutorial of the early days of the human race.

The bible includes different literary forms: narrative or history, poetry and songs, parables, letters, genealogies, and more. Knowing what form is being used, the purpose of the passage, who is writing or talking, and the intended audience is the work of Scripture scholars. The story of creation is not intended to be literal; it is inspirational. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

It is a great sign of hope—especially in our times, traversed by so many conflicts and wars—to know that the Church is a people in which women and men of different nationalities, languages, and cultures live together in faith: it is...a reminder and prophecy of that unity and peace to which God the Father calls all his children.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME, MARCH 11, 2026

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Monday

September 21
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Tuesday

September 22
Weekday
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13
Lk 8:19–21

Wednesday

September 23
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Prv 30:5–9
Lk 9:1–6

Thursday

September 24
Weekday
Eccl 1:2–11
Lk 9:7–9

Friday

September 25
Weekday
Eccl 3:1–11
Lk 9:18–22

Saturday

September 26
Weekday
Eccl 11:9–12:8
Lk 9:43b–45

Sunday

September 27
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 18:25–28
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5
Mt 21:28–32